IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Stephan Kopytek and Virginia W. Cornish

Serial No. : Not Yet Known

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For : AN IN VIVO PROTEIN SCREEN BASED ON ENZYME-

ASSISTED CHEMICALLY INDUCED DIMERIZATION

("CID")

1185 Avenue of the Americas New York, New York 10036

February 25, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please make the following amendments to the above-identified application:

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 34-50 and 52-78 without prejudice to applicants to pursue the subject matter of these claims in this or a subsequent application.

By this Preliminary Amendment, applicants have canceled claims 34-50 and 52-78, without prejudice, to reduce the filing fee. Accordingly claims 1-33, 51, 79 and 80 are pending in the subject application.

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No fee, other than the enclosed \$598.000 application filing fee, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. However, if any fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,

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